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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CALL ON AMBASSADOR LUCEY

- 1. MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO US AZRAAI ZAIN HAS REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR LUCEY DURING ZAIN'S PLANNED VISIT TO MEXICO FROM JUNE 9-15. ZAIN HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO THE US SINCE 1976 AND IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO MEXICO AND BRAZIL. HE WILL DOUBTLESS DESIRE TO GAIN AMBASSADOR LUCEY'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN MEXICO AND THE STATE OF US/MEXICAN RELATIONS.
- 2. ZAIN IS YOUNG, ARTICULATE, A SPECIALIST IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND CONSIDERED TO HAVE A BRILLIANT FUTURE. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS AS THE LATE PRIME MINISTER'S (ABDUL RAZAK) PRINCIPAL FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR. HE IS ALSO HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY THE CURRENT MALAYSIAN PM HUSSEIN ONN. HE-ISA LEADING THINKER IN MALAYSIA'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ESTABLISHMENT AND US OFFICIALS HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE FRIENDLY, COOPERATIVE AND AN ASSET IN PROMOTING US/MALAYSIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS. HE ATTENDED OXFORD (HONORS, 1956) AND THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (1958-59). HE SERVED IN NEW YORK FROM 1962-66. HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER DAWN LEVY WHO WAS ORIGINALLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA, AND HAS TWO DAUGHTERS. HE IS A MUSLIM, BUT DRINKS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

2. IF AN APPOINTMENT CAN BE ARRANGED WITH AMBASSADOR

LUCEY	WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE AND	
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